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Letter dated 14 July 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to inform the Security Council of my intention to extend until 31 December 2006 the appointment of Serge Brammertz of Belgium as the Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission established pursuant to resolution 1595 (2005) following the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. The International Criminal Court, where Mr. Brammertz is the Deputy Prosecutor for Investigations, has agreed to extend his leave of absence until that date.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Brammertz for his leadership in advancing the investigation and for his commitment to providing continuity in the Commission's work.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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